

XII INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONGRESS JUNE 23-30, 1975

The Closing Plenary Session of the XI International Botanical Congress held at Seattle, U.S.A., in 1969, accepted an invitation issued by the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. to convene the XII International Botanical Congress in the City of Leningrad in 1975. In 1971 the Organizing Committee was appointed: consisting of a chairman (A. L. Takhtajan); four vice-chairmen (A. A. Prokofiev, A. A. Theodorov, N. V. Tsitsin, A. A. Yatsenko-Khmelevsky); a secretary-general (O. V. Zalensky); a scientific secretary (N. S. Snigirevskaya); and a number of members at large. The XII International Botanical Congress is intended to facilitate interdisciplinary communication among botanists as well as an informal exchange of ideas. A number of sections are planned, including special ones to accommodate mycologists (also lichenologists), phycologists, and bryologists.

The Congress will be divided between organized half-day symposia and half-day contributed paper sessions. In addition to the opening and closing plenary sessions, two evening lectures are being scheduled. All special interest groups wishing to apply for space and time during the Congress should do so by writing as soon as possible to the secretary-general, Dr. Oleg Zalensky, Komarov Botanical Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., 2, Popov Street, Leningrad 197022, U.S.S.R.

The sessions of the Nomenclature Section will take place, as usual, immediately before the opening of the Congress — in this instance June 20-23. Four days are set aside in order to enable the Section to convene for six to eight sessions of two to four hours each.

A meeting of the International Association of Botanic Gardens (President Academician N. V. Tsitsin) will be held in Moscow at the Main Botanical Garden of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. on June 20.

A tentative schedule of scientific field trips has been

planned for the immediate pre-Congress and post-Congress periods. The principal purpose of these trips is to acquaint visiting botanists with as many interesting and unique features of the flora and vegetation of various regions of the U.S.S.R. as possible. Some specialized trips for phycologists, lichenologists, bryologists, and palaeobotanists are also planned.

The double postcards announcing the XII International Botanical Congress will be mailed during the last months of 1972. Those who wish to receive further information on the Congress should return their interest cards by March 1, 1973, so that they will be placed on the mailing list for the First Information Circular expected to be published June-July 1973.

CHAIRMAN, ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
A. TAKHTAJAN

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The error on the cover of the fourth number of *Rhodora* for 1971, indicating it as September 1971, no. 795, has resulted in many persons discarding it as a duplicate. Had they looked inside the cover they would have detected the error immediately. However so many requests have come in for replacements that Dr. Herman Sweet requests that any subscribers who have this December issue, and do not regularly keep a file of *Rhodora*, send this particular copy to him at the Botanical Museum, Oxford Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.